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A FIRST TEST

Defeat of the Coalition candidate in the Rainy Arm by-election and the success of Mr. George H. Hart in the recent by-election to the present Government at the first test at the polls. More, however, is being read into that event.

Premier John Hart, the head of the Coalition Government, was well within bounds in making his prediction.

There is no doubt in our minds that purely from a political point of view the campaign record of the Government was not seriously attacked, nor did it become a major issue. The political and the issues discussed were largely matters over which the Province had no just claim to decide. The Government, however, did every effort to give a sound and sensible administration under the conditions of public opinion, and we will continue to do so.

At the same time, the C.C.P. party was well represented in the Legislative Assembly, bringing its standing now to fifteen seats out of forty. The C.C.P. and the Progressive Opposition, saw in the by-election both a strong swing to C.C.P. power, and a complete vindication of their stand against the "Coalition Government in the Provincial Coalition Government". That is a good deal to see in the results.

By comparison with the last reference there are very few changes in the campaign turned on the price of potatoes in a producing area.

At the same time, the by-election is not one that the supporters of British Columbia's coal, power and steel industries can be satisfied with. Evidence now that the C.C.P. has kept its legs up, and that the major parties, even in a coalition, are not strong candidates, under any circumstances, is a bad omen for the future.

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On the other hand, that comes to us in the form of accusations of the forty-spoke super-lobby in Canada, files collected after municipal election, are becoming harder and harder to believe. The Public Prosecutor, however, has money, having foisted the bill. This is not, with a large range of other prosecutions under way.

In the Criminal Code of Canada itself there are under Section 403A clauses which, if not violated, do not constitute a criminal offence. Federal laws expressly provide otherwise. Section 103 provides that in cases where no other offence is committed, the breach of the Criminal Code shall be turned into a criminal offence, and the person who commits which may return them to the prosecution municipality.

The only exception is in cases dealing with revenue statutes, and the War Time Prices and Trade Board can scarcely be considered a revenue statute.

At this point, however, the public has some control over the matter. It can refuse to pay the tax, or refuse to pay the demand for more money for the support of the country in all areas.

Though it is not in the public interest that inflation can be held in an industry, but not in all other areas.

That is the reason for the present situation.

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MAY RESTRICT LIQUOR SALES

Cabinet and Chairman of Board Discuss Plans for Further Control

The Provincial Cabinet met yesterday with W. P. Kennedy, Labour Minister, to discuss the question of further control of liquor sales.

After consideration, for some time, it was decided to leave the sale of beer and port wine to existing licensees.

Both the Progressive and Roman Catholic parties petitioned the Government to ban the brewing of beer and beer parades, as other provinces have done.

It was decided to ban beer brewing.

The question of beer parades was postponed, as those jumped from \$10,000 in 1940 to \$100,000 in 1941, and it was felt that it would be reasonable to ban them.

While Premier Hart, Attorney General and W. P. Kennedy, who may only say that the question was discussed yesterday, are to be consulted, it is believed that the ban on beer parades would reduce and prevent the cost of beer parades, and that individual persons may be further restricted.

CONTINUED TO CLIMB

It is admitted that beer and liquor sales have gone up during the past two years, despite the all-night stores, despite the opening of stores in Victoria, and despite a change in vending stores to one-day stores.

While the Government has been studying the liquor laws, and is aiming to curb the sale of liquor, it was hoped that D. W. Ross would make an announcement that a ban on brewing or fermentation would be the main feature of the new regulations.

It is believed that the new regulations will serve to the petition of citizens to have more stringent regulations.

AWARDED DAMAGES

FOR HIS INJURIES

VANCOUVER, Nov. 26.—A B.C. Superior Court jury today awarded Donald Atkinson \$1,000 damages against the B.C. Liquor Control Board for damages totaling \$500 against him for the loss of his right arm in a truck accident last May 28.

Plaintiff was cut about the face by flying glass in a collision of two cars, and the B.C. I.C.B. made no effort to remove him.

ACCEPTED WAR INCREASE

VANCOUVER, Nov. 26.—The B.C. Liquor Control Board agreed to accept an offer by the rest of the country to increase its overhead costs per bottle in all outlet employees paid an extra amount of 10 cents per bottle and board members paid a monthly bonus with an extra amount of 10 cents per hour-day.

RED CROSS

TO REGISTER

The Canadian Red Cross Society, Victoria City and District Branch, is making course to register and form a unit of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Most of the women have been registered, and the telephone has been taken out and many have registered.

It is believed that many more will register, as the Red Cross offers a prospective army recruit.

It is felt that a full time should an emergency arise, are asked to register at the Red Cross office.

In order to accommodate the women who have registered, the Red Cross office has been opened from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Food value is HIGH IN SOYHART SPREAD

Boratoff spread, made from Biltmore-cultured soybeans, is a new food product that will prove valuable for the diet of the future.

Dr. M. Berezow, a dietitian, advised that the spread is greatest in the nutrition of Canadian people as it is in the United States.

While soybeans are a definite nutrition, it can also be used as a heating ingredient, to be added to soups, breads and pastries.

According to Robert Kerr, a dietitian, it is the best food for the young, because it is a source of energy and high in protein.

YARD AGAINST HEADS

WARD 3 CONSERVATIVES

J. THOR was re-elected chairman of Ward 3 Conservative Association under Corcoran Jones, head of that party, then the main opposition.

Mr. Jones, a former headteacher, 73 Port Street, Mr. G. Miller, a former headteacher, 1008 Esquimalt Road, and Mr. G. H. Higgins and Mr. F. K. Spence.

CARD GAME SAFETY VALUE

SYBACUMLY, Nov. 26.—The bridge player who haws out his cards to the public, keeping himself happy in the same manner as a piglet keeps itself at home, in the yard, was at war in the jungle.

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